



JOINT STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE EXTENSION OF THE ESPR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD THROUGH OMNIBUS IV

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To:

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The signatories wish through this statement to express the industry's deep concern regarding the outcome of the first reading by the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) of the so-called "Omnibus IV" (COM(2025)0504) proposal. The report adopted by the Committee on 27 January 2026¹ does not include an amendment to extend the transitional period deadline under the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR), currently set for 31 December 2026; nor does it reference the amendment backed by the Council of the European Union adopted through its mandate on 19 September 2025².

¹ [REPORT on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations \(EU\) No 765/2008, \(EU\) 2016/424, \(EU\) 2016/425, \(EU\) 2016/426, \(EU\) 2023/1230, \(EU\) 2023/1542 and \(EU\) 2024/1781 as regards digitalisation and common specifications](#)

² [Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations \(EU\) No 765/2008, \(EU\) 2016/424, \(EU\) 2016/425, \(EU\) 2016/426, \(EU\) 2023/1230, \(EU\) 2023/1542 and \(EU\) 2024/1781 as regards digitalisation and common specifications](#)
- Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

Background

The 10 December 2025, the signatories shared a joint statement welcoming the Council's intention to extend the ESPR transitional period deadline from 31 December 2026 to 31 December 2028 through an Omnibus legislative package, while urging the IMCO rapporteurs to support such proposal.

This extension is considered necessary to allow for the finalisation of several pending revisions of implementing regulations under the Ecodesign Directive of 2009 before these product groups would have to be re-assessed and revised under the new ESPR framework.

Looking at the 19 product categories listed in Article 79(1)(a)(i) of ESPR, for which a transition regime is foreseen, only one product group ("External power supplies") has been finalized. The remaining 18 product groups are still under revision and covered by the transitional regime established in Article 79(1)(a)(i) of the ESPR.

Call to IMCO Rapporteurs and Shadow Rapporteurs

In this regard, the co-signatories reiterate their support for an extension of the ESPR transitional period deadline to 31 December 2028 and urge the rapporteurs of the IMCO Committee, to consider supporting the Council's amendment to extend the ESPR transitional period deadline under the Omnibus IV procedure.

If this issue stays unaddressed, the current December 2026 deadline for the ESPR transitional period will kick-in delaying key Ecodesign Regulations and pushing back sustainability gains.

The signatories remain available to provide further technical input to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, and stand ready to support all constructive efforts to find a timely and workable solution.